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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCE HERE THAT AGREE-
MENT WAS ESSENTIALLY REACHED BETWEEN ROY JENKINS AND
MEMBER STATES LAST WEEK THAT ROY DENMAN WILL REPLACE
HIJZEN AS COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELA-
TIONS. NO DEFINITE TIMING WAS MENTIONED, BUT EXPECTA-
TION HERE IS THAT SHIFT WILL LIKELY OCCUR DURING JENKIN'S
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NEXT REORGANIZATIONAL SHUFFLE EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT
FEW MONTHS.

2. ASSUMING DENMAN DEPARTS FOR BRUSSELS, THIS UPSETS THE
EXPECTED SHIFT OF DENMAN TO REPLACE PETER THORNTON AS
PERMANENT SECRETARY AT DEPARTMENT OF TRADE WHEN THORNTON
REACHES NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. A

LIKELY CANDIDATE TO REPLACE THORNTON MIGHT BE PETER
PRESTON, FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY AT DOT AND CURRENTLY
PERMANENT SECRETARY AT THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOP-
MENT. THERE IS ALREADY SOME TALK AMONG OFFICIALS THAT
THIS WILL BE THE CASE, BUT PRESTON HAS ONLY BEEN AT ODM
A MATTER OF MONTHS AND SUCH SHORT TENURES ARE NOT NORMAL
AT THE SENIOR LEVELS OF THE BRITISH CIVIL SERVICE.

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